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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Crisanto Martinez Lopez, 25, of Madison, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to possessing with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine.

On October 10, 2007, Martinez Lopez was arrested with a kilogram of cocaine in his waistband. Martinez Lopez had agreed to deliver the kilogram to a customer, whom he was not aware was working with the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. In his plea agreement, Martinez Lopez agreed that his sentence will be based on relevant conduct that included approximately 10 kilograms of cocaine, 227 grams of crack cocaine and 987 grams of heroin.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for February 15, 2008, at 1:15 p.m. Martinez Lopez faces a minimum penalty of five years in prison and a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, a maximum \$2,000,000 fine, and a minimum four-year period of supervised release.

The charge against Martinez Lopez was the result of an investigation conducted

by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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